



CROSSTALK

News Bulletin of the TRW Amateur Radio Club

MEMBER ARRL CLUB NO 1658 MEMBER LAACARC

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CALENDER FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Friday	Every Friday	Club Breakfast in Bldg S Cafeteria anytime after 7 a.m. All Club members are welcome to attend.
Wednesday	Every Wednesday	Emergency Communications Team Check-in. Noon on 145.320. Everyone is encouraged to check-in.
Tuesday	October 25	Noon. Club Meeting, R10/2778. All Club members are welcome.
Saturday	October 29	8-11 a.m. Swap Meet at the northwest corner of Compton/Marine and Aviation behind the Chevron station.
Thursday	November 3	5:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting at Pizza Hut at the corner of El Segundo Blvd and Oceangate. All members welcome.
Saturday	November 12	6:30 p.m. Annual Club Dinner at the Reubens at the corner of Silver Spur Road and Hawthorne Blvd. See article below.
Saturday	November 26	Swap Meet at the northwest corner of Compton/Marine and Aviation behind the Chevron station.
Tuesday	November 29	Noon. Club Meeting in R10/2778.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER CROSSTALK IS NOV. 18.

Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for Club Officers in 1989. If you wish to be a candidate for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer contact Bill Dews NOW!!

Annual Dinner Meeting

On Saturday, November 12, we will hold our Annual Dinner Meeting at Reubens (formerly Hungry Tiger) in Rolling Hills Estates. We will have an Open Bar starting at 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7:30. This event is always one of the highlights of the Club year, and with this year's move to a new location it should be even better than last year. The Club subsidized \$10 per person (members and first guest) includes a complete dinner (with dessert this year), tax and tip. You can't beat that. Choices include Prime Rib or Coq Au Vin (Chicken cooked in wine) for you Continental types. Our guest speaker, Serge Miller, will give a talk on Amateur TV, complete with videos taken on the air. Our door prizes are always worth coming for; so grab your YL, XYL or whatever and y'all come. See the accompanying map for directions. Above all, get your reservations to Don, W6SQF, at 146/5509 or Dave, WA6ATK, at R3/2148 by **NOV 4**. CU there!! (ED NOTE: The map is on the last page of this issue of the Crosstalk.)

NOTE: The cost of the dinner is \$10 each for Club Members and their first guest. Please state whether you want Prime Rib or Coq Au Vin when you send your check to Dave or Don. If you are outside TRW, send your reservations to TRW, One Space Park, Redondo Beach CA 90278 ATTN: Dave Stockwell R3/2148.

From the President by Rich Sauer, N6CIZ

First of all, I must apologize for not getting a column into the last newsletter. I have my excuses (and believe me, they are good ones, too!). Suffice to say that I have a new work location and phone number -- check the back page. Since there's two months worth of news to report, let me get right to it.

The 1988 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention was a smashing success and, by all accounts, so was the TRW/ARC hospitality suite. I saw many of our Club members wandering around the exhibits and at the technical sessions. Our SEA Representative, Paul Herbert, KG6CR, won a prize at the banquet: a new Azden dual band mobile radio (I, on the other hand, didn't win anything! Humph!)

Many folks stopped by the hospitality suite to say hi and share in one of Ham Radio's oldest traditions (emptying 807's). Thanks to you all. The Disneyland Hotel people really made us feel welcome by giving us a larger room than was originally reserved for us and keeping the cost the same. If you missed this year's convention, attend next year's for sure. It will be near LAX and the TRW/ARC is a sponsoring club.

While on the subject of prizes, the one at the last Club Picnic of the year was a doozy! September 13th was anything but unlucky for Jim Wike, W6GPE, who walked away with a new 13-inch color TV. It is fitting that the guy responsible for so many of our picnics and other Club activities over the years should be rewarded by having his ticket drawn. Congratulations, Jim! Also, congratulations to Bob Schneider, WA6VKF, and Dave Stockwell, WA6ATK, for putting on this picnic. We had a terrific turnout, great food and fine comradery.

It is getting toward the end of the year already and that means time to nominate some folks for election to Club Officers. The Club has had a tremendous growth recently, we've been doing some fun things and it looks like the future is bright. If you'd like to help move things along or if you know of someone who would, please consider volunteering for a place on the ticket. Elected Officers must be an employee of TRW. Spots open for next year are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. And don't forget that we're always looking for Staff Officers and volunteers. If you have some ideas or would like to help out, please let me know or contact the chairman or the nominating committee, Bill Dews, K6AWO.

Thanks to the efforts of Chris Wachs, WA2KDL, and Greg Martins, N6RRY, we were able to enjoy listening to the Space Shuttle, Discovery, during it's mission. The Discovery crew launched a second TDRS satellite built right here at TRW. The NASA audio came from the NASA Select Channel with the satellite downlink provided to us by Paragon Cable. Thanks guys for a job well done.

The TRW Amateur Radio Club Electronic Bulletin Board System is up and running. If you have a personal computer and modem, give it a call. Leave comments and feel free to upload and download files (as long as they are not copyrighted!). Thanks, again, to N6RRY for putting it "on the air" and to WA2KDL for getting KNX out of the phone line!

Don't forget to sign up for the annual Club banquet. Send in your reservations and dinner selection by November 4th! This year we're holding the banquet at Reuben's Restaurant in Palos Verdes. There'll be a great speaker and terrific door prizes.

Assistant Directors Needed

Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, would like the names of anyone who is interested in being appointed, or who knows anyone who would like to be appointed as an Assistant Director for his next two year term. If you wish to be considered for this position, contact Fried Heyn.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE CLUB: BECOME A CLUB OFFICER. NOMINATIONS GOING ON NOW!!

Return of the Lost Handheld

by Bill Schrecengost, KE6LB

At 2 p.m. Friday, Sept 16, I received a phone call from a reporter for the Daily Breeze who needed background info on Amateur Radio emergency message handling with the Caribbean during Hurricane Gilbert. I suggested the reporter and his photographer visit my home hamshack Friday evening when the bands were open so we could get on the air and communicate with the stricken area. They were in a big rush to get their article written so we agreed to meet at the TRW hamshack at 3 p.m. that afternoon. The hurried meeting, with a short on-the-air demonstration with two contacts in the Texas coastal area, did get accomplished. In rushing to get to my 4 p.m. doctors appointment, I somehow locked my keys in my car and while getting to a spare key I set my Icom-2AT on the roof of the car. You guessed it -- I drove off with the radio on the roof of the car and it tumbled off onto the street as I pulled out of the Bldg 65 parking lot. I did not miss the radio until I was southbound on the 405 freeway. I quickly got on my 2 M mobile rig and asked if anyone was listening and was near Bldg 65. I lucked out, and Scott, N6AZY, was near-by and was able to do a search of the parking lot and the Rosecrans exit. He could not find the lost radio. My 4 p.m. doctors appointment at Kaiser in Harbor City prevented me from returning for a further search. One positive thought went through my mind -- Scott had not reported finding bits and pieces of the radio scattered on the road, so no car had run over it. Another thought was that I had my name, address and phone number affixed to the radio and, with a little luck, some honest person would find it and call me. I was in luck -- an honest gentleman, Dan Ruggles, who worked at the El Segundo SCE plant, was the first vehicle to pass the spot where the radio was laying and he stopped and picked it up before it could get run over. He called me the following Monday evening and arranged to get the radio back to me. "Thank you, Dan!!!"

A lesson learned -- Don't sit anything on the roof of a car. I would also advise readers to label portable equipment, such as handheld radios, so that if they are lost they can be returned to you. Incidentally, the Icom-2AT handheld survived the nasty fall onto the pavement, probably due to the thick leather case protecting it. Thanks, again, Dan!

Ham Exams

by Bill Dews, K6AWO

I have gotten numerous requests from Club members regarding where they can take exams to get their ham license or to up-grade. K6AA, the United Radio Amateur Club, offers exams the first and second Saturdays of every month. The first Saturday of every month the Club offers Tech and higher exams with Novice only being offered the second Saturday of every month. Cost is \$4.55. For reservations contact Elvin, N6DYZ, at 213-325-2965. Tests are held at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in San Pedro.

A Further History of the TRW/ARC

by Bill Schrecengost, KE6LB

Last month we mentioned that the TRW/ARC Swap Meet was 10 years old. Well, digging through some old papers, I found a copy of the Ramo-Woolridge Corporation Review newsletter dated 16 August 1956. In it is an article about the Amateur Radio Association at R-W. The club was, at the time being run by a temporary steering committee and had only 20 FCC licensed members. The first big club project, according to the article, was going to be setting up a Club shack. Ed Page, one of the members of the steering committee, was quoted as saying "As the company grows and new facilities are completed in other parts of the nation, this club will increase in importance and size." With well over 250 members today, we definitely have grown. One name stuck out in the article, though. Stan Johnson, W6EEK, was a member of both the temporary steering committee and the Club's first permanent steering committee. Oh, Club meetings were held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month back then in the Building 2 Auditorium.

TO: Dave Stockwell, R3/2148 OR
Don Renkowitz, 146/5509 OR
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Members Name _____ Number of Guests _____

MENU (no. of each)

_____ Prime Rib Dinner _____ Coq Au Vin (Chicken cooked in wine)
complete with coffee or tea and dessert

MEMBER AND FIRST GUEST \$10 EACH; EACH ADDITIONAL GUEST \$18 EACH INCLUDES TAX AND TIP

RESERVATIONS DUE BY NOV 4th

Directions:

From 405 South, get off at Hawthorne Blvd. Take Hawthorne south all the way to Silver Spur Road (approx. 8-9 miles) and turn left. Reubens will be immediately on the right.

From 405 North, get onto the 110 (Harbor Fwy) south to Crenshaw Blvd and turn left. Take Crenshaw to Silver Spur Road and turn right. Go past the Courtyard Mall (now called the Shops at Palos Verdes) and turn left into the parking lot at Silver Arrow Drive. Reubens will be at the right of the parking lot.

See map below for complete details. (MAP IS NOT TO SCALE)

